GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:325
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2003
LOSSES DUE TO WASTAGE OF PETROL AND DIESEL
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assessed annual losses due to wastage of petrol and diesel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted by Petroleum Conservation Research Association in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to check the wastage of Petrol and Diesel

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 325 BY RAMSHETH THAKUR TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2003 REGARDING LOSSES DUE TO WASTAGE OF P AND DIESEL

(a) to (e): No, Sir. How ever, the Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) had sponsored a study in 1996 through the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) on the losses of petroleum products due to idling of vehicles at traffic intersections in Delhi. The study found that 3 lakh litres of petrol and 1 lakh litres of diesel, totally valued at Rs. 82 lakhs, were being lost per day due to vehicle idling at signalised intersections in Delhi.

Apart from the wastage caused by congestion and delay on roads, fuel is also wasted due to bad driving habits, poor maintenance of vehicles which results in reduced fuel efficiency etc. This wastage is not quantified.

In order to check the Wastage of Petrol and Diesel, Government have taken several conservation measures through PCRA such as creation of public awareness through press campaigns, distribution of printed literature, screening of educational films, TV spots, radio jingles, outdoor publicity, annual celebration of the Oil Conservation Fortnight, etc. The PCRA also conducts driver training programmes and workshops to educate drivers of public transport on good driving habits, promote use of fuel efficient engines and demonstrate superior operating and maintenance practices through model depots and garages.